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TITLE: PLAYING AREA MODULE COMPRISING SEVERAL ELASTICALLY DEFORMABLE PANELS MAINTAINED IN A CURVED CONFIGURATION, AND CORRESPONDING PANEL

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A module intended to equip a playing area, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising:

at least two panels, ~~(1)~~ substantially of ~~the~~ a shape of a parallelogram, said two panels ~~(1)~~ being ~~made~~ comprised of an elastically deformable material allowing ~~them to~~ shift from a configuration in which said two panels ~~(1)~~ define a plane to a configuration wherein ~~they~~ said two panels have a curved surface, and inversely, ~~and in that~~ said two panels ~~(1)~~ ~~have~~ having, proximate to each of the ends; of at least one of the edges, at least two orifices;

at least one ~~so-called~~ assembling orifice ~~(16)~~, enabling the installation of a removable fixing means for assembling together said two panels ~~(1)~~ and ~~for~~ maintaining ~~them~~ said two panels in said configuration wherein said two panels have a curved surface;

at least one ~~so-called~~ ground-fixing orifice ~~(15)~~, enabling installation of assembling means of said two panels with a ground-fixing means of said module.

2. (Currently amended) The module according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said orifices ~~(15), (16)~~ are distributed across said two panels ~~(1)~~ such that said two panels have at least one axis of symmetry.

3. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~either of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said two panels ~~(1)~~ have three ground-fixing orifices ~~(15)~~ proximate to each of ~~their corners~~ corner thereof.

4. (Currently amended) The module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said two panels ~~(1)~~ ~~also have~~ further comprise at least two assembling orifices ~~(16)~~ provided at a mid-position between two corners of said two panels ~~(1)~~.

5. (Currently amended) The module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said removable fixing means have at least one of the means belonging to the following group:

bolt (41)/ nut (42);

elastically deformable hook (51);

snap-on means.

6. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein said ground-fixing means have at least one of the means belonging to the following group:

at least one support (71) cooperating with a counterweight;

at least one hook (62) intended to penetrate the ground at least partially.

7. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ it includes Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one target-forming element ~~(200)~~ comprising at least two orifices ~~(201)~~ to be traversed said fixing means, said at least two orifices ~~(201)~~ enabling variation of the position of said target ~~(200)~~ on said module.

8. (Currently amended) Module according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said one or several targets ~~(200)~~ are intercalated between two of said panels ~~(1)~~.

9. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~
Claim 1, wherein said module has a section matching at least one of the shapes belonging to the following group:

circle;
triangle;
square;
rectangle;
pentagon;
hexagon.

10. (Currently amended) Module according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~
Claim 1, wherein said two panels (1) are ~~made~~ comprised of polypropylene copolymer.

11. (Currently amended) Panel (1) intended to integrate a module according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 1 to 10, characterized in that it is~~ Claim 1, being substantially of the shape of a parallelogram,
~~said panel~~ being ~~made~~ comprised of an elastically deformable material allowing ~~it to~~ shift from a
configuration in which said panel defines a plane to a configuration in which said panel has a curved
surface, and inversely, ~~and in that~~ said panel ~~has~~ having, proximate to each of the ends of at least one
of its edges, at least two orifices:

at least one so-called assembling orifice ~~(16)~~, for installation of removable fixing
means for assembling together said panel with another panel of the same type, and for maintaining
them in said configuration wherein said panels have a curved surface;

at least one so-called ground-fixing orifice ~~(15)~~, for positioning assembling means
of said panel with ground-fixing means of said module.